

# Kennesaw State University Institutional Biosafety Committee

## I. Mission

The charge of the Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) is to assure the safe acquisition, use, and disposal of all biological agents at Kennesaw State University. It is the responsibility of the Committee to establish appropriate health and safety policies in accordance with federal, state, and local regulations and guidelines that cover biological safety, and to evaluate work being conducted at Kennesaw State University for biological safety considerations.

## II. Purpose and Scope

- A. Kennesaw State University (KSU) is committed to the highest standards of safe and ethical research and complies with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations and University System of Georgia policies. For this purpose and to comply

recombinant DNA research that is conducted at or sponsored by any institution that receives support from the NIH. Thus these guidelines apply to everyone who participates in research, instruction, or work at

KSU.

- B. The IBC is responsible for local oversight and review of activities that use the following potentially bio hazardous materials or procedures:
- x Recombinant or synthetic nucleic acid molecules (rDNA/RNA)
  - x Select agents and toxins, as determined by the [Federal Select Agent Program](#)
  - x Biological agents that require Biosafety Level 2 containment or higher, including
    - o Agents in Risk Group 2, 3, and 4
    - o Blood borne pathogens (from human and non human primates)
    - o All other biological agents that can cause disease in humans
  - x Stem cell research
  - x Biological Nanotechnology (e.g., drug delivery via nanoparticles, etc.)
  - x Importing/Exporting of etiologic agents (which require BSL 2 and or BSL 3 containment) into/out of the campus
  - x Xenotransplantation

### III. IBC Responsibilities

For activities listed in section II.B, the IBC shall be responsible for the following functions:

- x Recommending or prescribing, and publishing for the KSU community,

#### IV. IBC Committee Procedures

##### **A. Membership**

The IBC size and composition shall be large enough to represent the range of personnel who perform activities listed in Section IIB across Kennesaw State University and will include KSU scientists and administrators and community representatives. Based on NIH Guidelines (section IV B 2 a (1)), the minimum number of IBC members is five. An effort is made to represent all major units served, to have a mix of technical expertise characteristic of the research protocols being reviewed, and to epitomize the diversity of the University community. Committee configuration will be kept in accordance with NIH Guidelines (section IV B 2 a).

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member training (this task may be designated to another qualified individual); setting meeting agendas and establishing meeting dates; and conducting/managing meetings.

**B. IBC Member**

